Friday 2:30 p.m.
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MEMORANDUM TO THE FILE

[redacted] and [redacted] were present.

It was agreed that the first substantive project is to assemble or find out where work has been done or is being done in the field related to "Operation BLUEBIRD". To obtain this information three sources will be exploited:

a. The clinical literature

b. Information through the governmental contacts of CIA

c. Direct sources (to be exploited as the program develops)

In the discussion it was surmised that about 50% of the information available would come from programs under way in the Federal Government. (Reference here is to the programs also at [redacted] and the [redacted]). The balance would be obtained through the contracts to be let upon the recommendation of the Panel. The Panel and its program would start working entirely in terms of what it could do for CIA. When full inter-agency coordination was effected it could then assist other agencies in direction of their research efforts.

As a means of effectively bringing out what is under way in this field, two suggestions were discussed:

a. A meeting with a high-level person who would have sufficient authority to effect full disclosure

b. The possible establishment of a defense agency as the coordinating agent. [redacted] described how this had worked in a similar situation.

Of the persons who have been active for the government in this field, [redacted] was mentioned and a [redacted] who was known to have been interested, but whose exact role was not clear.

The need for great care in maintaining secrecy was emphasized and [redacted] said he was quite aware we might often have to work through "cut-outs" to obtain the essential technical knowledge.

The meeting then discussed the group to be organized in OSI to furnish support for the field teams and the Panel. The OSI staff is to be entirely apart from the Operations Research Laboratory of I & SS.

[redacted]

[redacted]

For this OSI staff the personnel should include:

a. Chief - highly trained in psychiatry or clinical psychology

b. Abstractor - to keep abreast of the published clinical information.

c. Pharmacologist - Could possibly be located through the center at [redacted]

d. Neuro-psychiatrist - A man familiar with lobotomy and lobotomy or who has done work similar to [redacted] in behavioral studies after major brain surgery. It was suggested that suitable candidates might be located through [redacted] or [redacted]

e. Anesthetist

f. Other clinical psychologists as needed.

In electronics man to work with the operational research laboratory would be needed. Suitable candidates might be located through [redacted] or [redacted] of the [redacted]

One individual familiar with testing could be a valuable member of the group. It might be possible to recruit such a person from within CIA. [redacted] of the Administrative Staff, CIA, will be consulted.

It was hoped that one or two of these persons could spend a major portion of their time actually working at private and government laboratories where research is being carried out. As the program develops it was thought that valuable assistance could be rendered by personnel hired for the summer to carry special projects. In mind were college staff personnel whose duties were light at that time of year. This could only be considered after the general program was well established.

[redacted] stated:

1. He hopes to locate some personnel through [redacted] of the [redacted]

2. He had made inquiries concerning [redacted] and would like to delay making a final decision about bringing him into the project.

3. He suggested the names of [redacted] and [redacted] of the [redacted]

A set of the papers of [redacted] were given to [redacted] for clearance. The other set will be forwarded on Monday the 7th through [redacted]

Personnel channels for action on the contract.

[redacted] will give [redacted] some names for [redacted] consideration as panel candidates.

The problem of test subjects was discussed. In addition to volunteers from within CIA the possible use of Displaced Persons was considered.

[redacted] will return on Wednesday, 9 May 1951, at 4:00 p.m.

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